



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, JR., R.N.	:	WITHDRAWAL OF
License # 26NO 08498100	:	PROVISIONAL ORDER OF
	:	DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about February 2, 2015, a letter of inquiry issued on behalf of the Board, asking respondent to supply, among other things, documentation of completion of required nursing continuing education for the last three years.

3. Respondent replied to the letter of inquiry in a submission dated February 6, 2015, but did not furnish documentation of completion of any continuing education.

4. Respondent indicated, on his 2013 renewal application, that he would complete required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to document completion of required nursing continuing education is deemed to constitute a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's indication on his 2013 renewal application that he would complete all required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013 is deemed to constitute misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on August 20 8, 2015, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a reprimand and a \$250 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon the respondent by certified and regular mail at his address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of

the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order, providing documentation of timely completion of all required continuing education for the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 licensing cycles. A total of 33.5 contact hours was provided for the 2011-2013 cycle (giving respondent a 3.5 hour carryover for the next cycle) and 28 hours for the 2013-2015 cycle. Therefore, the Board found that respondent had demonstrated he was not in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) or N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, as set forth in the Provisional Order, and the Board determined that the Provisional Order of Discipline entered on August 20, 2015 should be withdrawn.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 11th day of December, 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. The Provisional Order of Discipline filed on August 20, 2015 is hereby withdrawn.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Murphy PhD APN
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President